



DR. RAYMOND McNALLY WILL SPEAK on "In Search of Dracula" on March 19 at 1 p.m. in the SLA. This will be the climax of "Horror Week."

Open Ear To Sponsor Fund Drive Saturday

By LINDA LOCKWOOD

Open Ear, a crisis intervention and suicide prevention center, is sponsoring a fund drive Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All LSUS students may participate by collecting money at specific stations.

Students May Volunteer

Organizations or individual students may volunteer by calling Joy Graham, Open Ear's publicity chairman at 861-2846 or by meeting at the Centenary amphitheater before 9 a.m.

Money will be picked up periodically and soft drinks will be delivered to the students at their stations.

Students Collect

The volunteers may determine their own work schedule, collecting all day or just several hours, according to Mrs. Graham.

"The goal is \$5,000 and if LSUS students will participate I feel sure we can reach it," said Mrs. Graham.

"Last year a Centenary fraternity

placed second in the drive and I would like to see LSUS beat them this time," said Rebecca Roberts, an education major who works at Open Ear.

Students Donate Time

Many LSUS students regularly donate their time by working at the Open Ear Center.

Open Ear needs workers, and students can volunteer by calling Mrs. Graham, according to Mrs. Roberts.

"Usually the volunteers work eight hours a month which means they only have to come in one night every two weeks," said Mrs. Graham.

"Open Ear is doing a tremendous job. Last year we helped to prevent 70 suicides and in two years we have helped over 25,000 people who have called in," said Mrs. Graham.

In Library

Exhibit Begins March 4

Shreveport artist Sam Rigling will exhibit 41 oil paintings in the library March 4-29.

"Paintings include still-life, landscapes and figures, many of which were completed in 1973 and have not been shown previously," William McCleary, senior librarian, said.

Shreveport Art Guild

A member of the Shreveport Men's Art Guild, Rigling has been in group and one-man shows in Shreveport, Texarkana and Longview, Texas. Many of his paintings are included in local private collections.

Except for a short period of instruction at the Baltimore Institute of Art, Rigling has had no formal art training.

Public Relations Director

The artist, director of public relations for a Shreveport-based utility firm, attended the University of Maryland.

Rigling's display will replace an exhibit of watercolors and abstracts by local artist Flora DuVal.



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March Activities Announced

By JOHN McBRIDE

The Student Entertainment Committee announced today the upcoming activities planned for the month of March.

The widely varied slate of activities include guest speakers, movies and a dance seminar.

Transcendental Meditation

On March 1 at 12 noon in the SLA Larry Murov will speak on the art of transcendental meditation. Murov is a meditation instructor in Shreveport.

On March 18 at 10 a.m. in the SLA the First Chamber Dance Company (a ballet troupe) will hold a lecture and demonstration on the art of ballet.

Dance As Art

Education majors, P E majors, art majors or anyone interested in dance as a form of art may attend.

On March 19 at 1 p.m. in the SLA Dr. Raymond McNally, professor of history at Boston College, will speak on the gothic subject of dracula in

his presentation "In Search of Dracula."

Week of Horror

Dr. McNally's presentation is to be a part of the Week of Horror which is planned for March 15-21. Also to be a part of the Week of Horror are some old, but original horror flicks.

Besides speakers and seminars, the good old Friday night free movies will continue to be shown at 7:30

p.m. in the SLA.

Movie Schedule

March 8—"Wild Strawberries"

March 12—"Play It Again Sam" (2:15 p.m. in SLA)

March 15—"Dracula" and "The Cabinet of Kaligara"

It's been said before and it will be said again, "The activities are there, all the students must do is get into them!"

Meditation Instructor Will Speak At LSUS

Larry Murov, Transcendental Meditation instructor, will give a lecture Friday, March 1, at 12 p.m. in the Science Lecture Auditorium.

TM is a simple mental technique that takes 15 to 20 minutes a day, according to Murov. It is a deeper state of rest than sleep and permits one to remain conscious during the rest period. Meditation is a natural release for stress and strain including deep physiological stress, Murov said.

Just Practice

TM does not take deep concentration, mind control or diets, just a little practice, Murov continued. When a person comes out of meditation, his mind feels livelier and clearer. Students who practice TM, perform better and are more comfortable than those who do not, according to studies at the University of California at Berkeley in 1972.

Charles Donahue, midwest regional coordinator of TM, in an article in "Today's Health" magazine said, "Thinking is any mental activity whatever."

Emotion of Love

"It is an emotion of love in the heart, a dream in the night, a sensation of warmth on the hand, or in-

tellectual activity. The field of action has its basis in the field of thinking. When you feel clear and alert, you are more active.

"It's like a clear pond, with sand at the base," Donahue said. "The sand is our field of pure consciousness, our source of thought. Its characteristics are energy, creative intelligence, fulfillment. An air bubble is released from the sand. In our analogy, the bubble is a single impulse of consciousness."

Powerful Energy

"When first released, the bubble is powerful and concentrated. Energy is always powerful close to its source. As it becomes more gross, pushes to the surface level of the mind, it becomes less powerful. When it bursts on the surface, it is a thought."

Lowering the surface of the pond would cause the bubbles to burst early and give greater mental potential. "Then we could say man was not only fulfilled, but that he was free, with the freedom of being open to himself," he said.

Faculty Reacts To Speaker And ERA

By DIANA LOOMIS

"My reaction was that she (Louise Johnson) was ill prepared and suffered from feelings of inadequacy which made her hostile toward her audience and that her arguments were illogical," commented Nina Stein, sociology instructor, on Johnson's Feb. 17 speech.

Representative Johnson requested equal time to speak in response to Lucy Layman's talk last fall and was given it by the Artists and Lecturers Committee.

Caused Commotion

Her speech caused a commotion on this campus, and in response to current feeling this reporter gathered faculty reactions to Johnson's speech.

General reaction was that Johnson was sarcastic, interruptive, abrasive and antagonistic. Mr. David Lawson, assistant professor of English, said, "She was a great deal less than courteous to her audience."

Deserve An F

Charlene Handford, communications instructor, stated, "If any of my students gave a persuasive or convincing speech that lacking in support I would give him a D. He would deserve an F but I would give him a D."

Handford commented further on the subject of the talk, the Equal Rights Amendment by saying, "We already have laws against discrimination because of race, creed, and religion. Why not laws against discrimination because of sex?"

Constitution Gives Rights

Previously, Lawson felt that the constitution gave all citizens rights. He did not think it was necessary to say "citizens and women", but after Johnson's speech he commented, "It occurred to me if people like her are against it (ERA) then there must be some good in it."

Lawson, continued, "There are a lot of laws that are discriminatory toward women, this will provide a legal base to do away with them."

Valid Arguments

"I did not hear any valid or sub-

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REPRESENTATIVE LOUISE JOHNSON, stirred controversy during her talk last week against the Equal Rights Amendment.

Pursuit Of Rights

In Pursuit Of An Education

The educational experience is far more than books and exams. It is a total learning experience, or should be. The interaction of people and ideas is just as important as the dissemination of subject matter and the regurgitation of same.

We should be made to think, not trained to memorize and perform mental gymnastics in the institutional arena only too late to learn that "I am trainable but can I think?"

Is education only the key that turns the lock that opens the door of opportunity? Or should it be an experience in total personal growth and development? It will be what we make it and no more. Why should the university atmosphere be sterile and socially non-infectious? Is it because the university is for "teaching" and not "learning."

Are we to come, report, take notes and exams and disappear? Must we remain the wards of our own mental degeneration or can we make our feelings, desires and needs known and get results? Do we have the right to do what we wish (within reason) to try, to fail, to succeed and to gain from all that we do?

If we do have these rights as students and individuals we should assert these rights. In

our desire to promote fellowship and promote educational activities we have formed various campus organizations, each with its own specific purpose and generally good for us all. However, these organizations are not allowed to generate money on campus to perpetuate their existence or promote projects. Due to this undesirable and stifling atmosphere one campus organization has decided to withdraw from the university in order to raise money for a project which is beneficial to them educationally and socially.

Why did the SEC have to move off-campus to have a bon-fire? Why do we not have campus fairs to raise funds for our official organizations? Why are we, the students, denied the right to support these organizations monetarily and physically with participation on campus? Will we have too much fun? Will we become too cohesive and thus independently forceful? Is something wrong with having fun and supporting our own? It is time we demand the right to have our fairs, or booths or Nassau parties for the intent of raising funds and hell.

Our only strength lies in our collective ability to influence the policies and philosophy of the university. We must, in order to protect, unite.

By Stephen Primos

Equal Rights Amendment

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stantive arguments as to why I should not vote for the 27th Amendment. I went (to the speech) with a completely open mind and left with the feeling she would have accomplished more for her cause if she had not spoken," stated Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of communications.

Dr. Mary McBride, dean of Liberal Arts said, "I have tried to be open-

minded and listen to both sides and so, I was disappointed that more concrete information was not presented, and that the speaker relied on emotional appeals."

When asked whether she supported the ERA, Dr. McBride replied, "If that is the best opposition to the ERA, then I am now in favor of it. Although I will have to study the issue more carefully before I make a final decision."

Johnson's Intentions

While reflecting on Johnson's intentions, Dr. McBride said, "I think what she was trying to say, was that she did not want the family to be destroyed because of the shifting role of women. However, I do not think the ERA means destruction of the family."

Leroy Musselman, assistant professor of history, said, "I enjoyed the dialogue between the guest speaker and the audience. I noticed that many people had their 'juices' stirred."

Fine Statement

When asked what he thought of the amendment, Musselman said, "It is a fine statement of principle but Congress will move no faster in its implementation of the proposed amendment, if passed, than it has with the due process clause of the 14th Amendment."

Lastly, Stein paralleled Johnson's talk to a situation that occurred in the past. She said, "Essentially, it seemed her arguments revolved around the old 'God, mom and apple pie' arguments which were used against the Civil Rights Amendment.



HOW DO YOU PLAY THE GAME without the ball? A common question from the Fooz Ball players since the machine has been taking money and not giving balls.

New Games Are Hit!

The Fooz Ball, Air Hockey and Pong machines are here to the sheer delight of some. That part of the "Sugar Shack" which houses these coin gobbling fun-games is a bit noisy, but that is easily tolerated and understood. Even those of us who do not participate in mechanical prostitution appreciate the skills required by the successful Fooz Baller. The Air Hockey buffs are as equally amazing, withstanding the cracking noise and skinned fingers.

What does bother me a bit is these machines' uncanny ability to soak-up one's quarter and keep the Fooz Balls. Or even worse, refuse to take quarters at all (a sin). If these monsters are to be tolerated at least they should be consistent and fork-over the balls all the time.

Who Gets The Money?

By the way, where do all those silvery coins go after entering these "machineries of joy"? Does the university get the money or is it split with the vending operators who so thoughtfully placed their name on the sides of their children.

There have been complaints of goal-stuffing (This publication is what is being stuffed.) in order to prevent the loss of balls. That is probably a contractual no-no and could cause the removal of our playmates. One can go to jail for beating prostitutes. Let's not be guilty of mistreating our pleasures, boys. They must perform well at tournament time and busted legs are hard on business you know.

On competitive days group rates should be used to help delays and the holes closed, more positions told, more rubber soled, so that more balls are rolled, to keep the winners coming.

By Stephen Primos

1974 AAUP Officers Selected

Officers for 1974 for the LSUS chapter of the American Association of University Professors have been announced. They are

Dr. Zeak Buckner, associate professor of English, president; Dr. Robert Leitz, assistant professor of English, vice president; Anita Harkness,

instructor of mathematics, secretary; and Barron Tabor, instructor of mathematics, historian.

Both the local chapter and the state AAUP organization have gone on record in support of Louisiana's ratification of the 27th Amendment to the Constitution (the Equal Rights Amendment).

SDX Holds College Night

Five LSUS journalism students and one faculty member were guests of the Arka-La-Tex Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi at a meeting designed to recognize area student journalists.

Attending the meeting were Dr. Robert H. Russell, LSUS assistant professor of journalism; Margie Parvino, former *Almagest* editor; Diana Loomis, *Almagest* news editor; Gina Gordey, *Almagest* news editor; and Linda Lockwood, *Almagest* reporter.

During the event, termed "College

Night" by the society, Sigma Delta Chi members fielded question to a panel made up of student journalists. Panel members included Diana Loomis, from LSUS, as well as representatives from Centenary, Grambling, Northwestern State University in Natchitoches and Louisiana Tech. Following the panel discussion, Sigma Delta Chi members answered question concerning the professional news media.

Sigma Delta Chi is a professional journalism society.

INTROSPECT

Presents Rev. Bill Nicholls Pastor of Universal Unitarian Church who will speak about humanism and the humanist manifesto. Is there a humanistic alternative? If so what is it? See him today in the SLA at noon.



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Elevators-A Hassle Or A Luxury?

By LINDA LOCKWOOD

Finally, it lands. The metal doors open and 15 students cram into the black box. Elbows collide and books scatter as the doors close and the box zooms up, leaving a dozen impatient students behind.

This modern luxury box, known as an elevator, is located in the Liberal Arts Building and is the frustration and joy of many LSUS students.

Why do students ride the elevator instead of walking up the stairs? "It's easier to ride," commented Ann Kenbrow. "Basically, the human population is lazy and even though I'm a P.E. major, I'd rather not walk."

Although class bells ring and the elevator does not appear, students will continue to wait instead of walking up the stairs.

Take A Free Ride

"I learned a long time ago to take a free ride whenever I can and I don't mind waiting," said Bill Malone, SGA president.

Even faculty members have fallen prey to the convenience of the elevator. Dr. R. H. Russell, assistant professor of communications, rides the elevator to his third floor office because, "I'm usually in a big hurry and it's faster."

But does one save time by riding the elevator? In a recent test several students proved they could beat

the elevator by walking up the stairs at a rapid pace.

In fact, walking up stairs is good for one's health. "Climbing stairs speeds up the circulatory system, forces air into the lungs and is simply a good exercise," according to LaJoy Eubanks, a local nurse.

Not All Laziness

"You have to stay physically fit, so I make it a point to walk up the stairs," said Irvin Schueler, a speech senior.

Live Freight

"Originally elevators were installed to help move freight, but now they are a standard luxury item in all buildings," said Nole W. Nash, LSUS building superintendent.

The elevators capacity load is approximately 1,500 pounds and can safely transport 12-15 people, explained Nash.

There have not been any incidents recorded where students have been stranded in the elevator. "But since it is a machine, there is always the possibility it could malfunction," said Nash.

"In this modern age of technology the human body is the least used machine," said Schueler.

Even though a human's legs are capable of transporting his mind and body to class many students would prefer to let a machine do it for them.

But, some students ride the elevator for reasons other than laziness.

Sylvia Brun, a sophomore sociology major explained she wore platform shoes. "It's just hard to navigate my shoes on the stairs," she said.

Nelda Wilkerson, a speech therapy freshman, said, "I ride the elevator because I'm scared of walking up stairs."

Scared of Elevators

On the other hand, Tina Johnston, a special education major, said, "I walk up the stairs because I'm scared to death of elevators. I can see it getting jammed between floors," she said with a shudder.

Despite its evils an elevator ride can be an educational experience for the students packed inside.

One student said he learned how to dissect a frog while listening to the coed next to him practice a speech.

Spring, People!

By ANITA EDWARDS

The warm breeze of the bright, yellow sun kissed the ground and every living particle it touched. Life was slowly returning to the cold, dense earth.

Coaxed gently out of their winter hiding, tiny flowers and buds begin to appear on barren limbs. Birds alight on the trees, shaking the limbs as a mother wakes a child for school.

Birds, squirrels and other unseen, unnoticed animals begin to appear in pairs instead of alone. Spring returns to the earth, bringing life, hope and a new face.

Spring For Students

What does spring mean for students at LSUS? Warmer days, more sunlight in early morning, kite flying, picnics, and eventually, spring break. Until the break-time arrives, time is spent studying for mid-term exams.

But on to brighter thoughts. LSUS is far enough away from civilization that a quiet, settling peace can be experienced. Sit under a tree, on the grass, or anywhere outside and take a deep breath—no pollution of factories, perhaps a faint car exhaust nips the nose. Not too far that life ceases, the quieting rumble of the cars and trucks can be heard as they parade up and down the highway.

Be Up and Doing

Peace—the one thing students from everywhere have sought, is here. Look around—a peaceful, quiet feeling. There are no demonstrations, no great controversies chopping the air, no real problems.

Everything in life has a bright side, a sort of "silver lining to a black cloud." Perhaps you dislike this calm, humdrum life. Then get up and do something about it. Stir up a little excitement. Who do you think you're fooling?



STUDENTS GET A LIFT between classes. It looks like fun according to these smiling faces coming off the elevator, better known as the luxury box of the Liberal Arts building.

SGA Is Boys' Club

Last Male Stronghold Is Beginning To Crumble

By MARGIE PARVINO

Aside from the men's restrooms, the last bastion of male dominance on campus is the Student Government Association Office.

"Don't put anything frilly on our walls. This is a man's domain," said President Bill Malone.

As is to be expected, the pea-green walls, decorated with a few dull posters, somewhat resemble the blah-grey ones at Fort Humbug where Malone changes hats and becomes Captain William E. Malone.

Horny Little Devils

The only thing in SGA that smacks of personality is a moldy coffee cup which reads, "I'm a horny little devil," and is appropriately labelled, "Malone's culture." The birth of the moldy mass probably resulted when Malone could not find a woman to wash his cup.

The office reeks of boyish clubhouse days, but there is not a posted announcement of "no girls allowed." In fact, women are welcome to observe the SGA clan—as long as they don't mind being called "Sweet" which, defined by American Heritage, means "not spoiled, sour, or decaying."

Nevertheless, if all women who

enter the SGA office were spoiled, sour or decaying, the odor could in no way parallel that of the budding politicians' cigar smoke.

Perhaps the cigars are symbolic of the attitude that men are sovereign and women are dumb. But it we do appear dumb, it's our own fault for listening to mother and playing too dumb and pliable for too many decades.

Be Superior Together

Even the equipment in SGA, it seems, is sex conscious. It is somewhat disconcerting to be screamed at by a sticker on the typewriter that screams, "Keep fingers, hair, jewelry, etc. away from this area."

If no scrawled announcement prohibits women from the SGA office, etchings upon traditional male egos do. Perhaps men have an innate need to feel superior. If that is so, women have an innate need to not feel inferior. Can't we all be superior together?

Well guys, it has been nice sitting on your laps, but now we'd like chairs of our own.

Equal Time For Equal Rights

By GINA GORDEY

I am giving myself equal time. Three weeks ago an article appeared on this page entitled "Sex vs. Equal Rights." Today I write of an even more pressing issue—"Sex vs. Sex."

On Monday, February 18, Rep. Louise Johnson visited LSUS and pulled the pen on the Equal Rights Amendment grenade. POW!

Because of the energetic efforts of Johnson, the ERA, Equal Rights Amendment, failed in the Louisiana legislature. Why? "Because it is senseless and useless," Johnson states. "and because I am a Christian."

Unnecessary Limit

Johnson's three main points against the ERA were that it is unnecessary,

it places a limit on the state government, and it is unchristian . . .

Rep. Johnson persisted, "The 14th Amendment is all we need for equality. (14th amendment, ratified 1868) "Therefore, the 27th (ERA) is totally unnecessary."

Johnson spoke of those who talk through both sides of their mouth and whistle through the middle. In other words, in endorsing the ERA, those who pull for a minimum of federal control are limiting the powers of state control. Got it?

Rep. Johnson inferred that the Christian philosophy condemns prostitution and homosexuality—the ERA condons it. Heavy!

Wake Up, Good Women

"You can laugh at what I say all you want, but I hope I can make you laugh enough to wake up," Johnson tells the audience, whom she believes is held under the clutch of N.O.W. (National Organization of Women).

"The good women will some day realize the truth about the ERA," the representative projected. But when questioned on the definition of a good woman she replied, "Well, I am one." Perhaps Johnson will also realize the truth someday.

Detrimental Changes

If or when the ERA is passed, Johnson believes that changes will be made that are detrimental to the life of the American woman. What these changes are, she did not specifically state. In fact, she did not specifically state anything.

The representative added, "I enjoy being a woman, and I'd like to keep it that way."

Don't worry Mrs. Johnson, you'll never change.



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G-Gang Holds Lead With Win Over SH-Five

By GERRY GARLAND

The GREENWAY GANG, with four players scoring in double figures, bombed the SLAUGHTER HOUSE FIVE 69-41 in the second half of a twin bill at Fort Humbug Thursday night.

Phil Garrison led the GANG with a game high of 20 points. He was helped by teammates Rob Norsworthy 12 points, Randy Hunter 11 and Danny Webb who brought up the rear with 10.

Rambling out to a quick 10-0 lead The GANG was in complete control at intermission with a 36-22 padding, as Garrison hit for 14 first-half points.

Preserving its unblemished record at 2-0, the GREENWAY GANG who led throughout the contest doubled their opponents score at 48-24 early in the second stanza.

The GREENWAY GANG never let up defensively in the second half keeping the SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE under the 20-point total for the second half.

The SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE, who remains winless after its first two encounters at 0-2, were led by George Plaxco and Preston Friedly with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

In the evening's first contest between BSS and US, the teams will reschedule the game due to failure of enough players to show up for the completion of the game.

That old cliché of "the good getting better and the bad getting worse" can well be applied to the teams who engaged in IM basketball Tuesday night at Fort Humbug.

In the opener the "good team", ZIG ZAG, remained perfect at 2-0 following its 46-39 decision over the hapless SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE.

SWISH won its third straight after dropping its season opener, by trouncing the HUSTLERS 85-22.

ZIG ZAG methodically, yet patiently, surged ahead in the early going of the second half. After the lead change hands several times and was knotted at 25-25, the ZIG ZAGS' Timmy Mitchell and Stuart Shannon took control and assured the ZIG-GIES' victory.

Mitchell was top point man with 15, while Randy Arthur and Shannon added 11 and 8 points respectively.

SWISH took control of its contest early and never was in serious trouble Doug Baldelli and David Doughty were instrumental in SWISH'S initial surge. The first half ended with the HUSTLERS on the short end of a 37-11 score.

FRED AND OTHERS



Bench Remarks

By TERRY HARGIS



IM SPORTS REPORT

The LSUS IM bowling league is in high gear with competition being held every Tuesday night at Tebbe's Bowlero.

At press time, LOVE was leading the league with a 16-4 record with the STONE BOWLERS and NIGHT OWLS following close behind with 13½-6½ and 13-7 league records.

Top bowlers for LOVE are Ken Neill 189, Chester Dean 179 and Ricky Adams 174. Rounding out the team is Steve McCloed with a 130 average.

LHA

The LHA will hold a meeting at the Bossier Sheraton Inn March 15-16. The LSUS faculty will be represented. All students are invited to come. On the agenda are talks on "Spanish La. during the Revolution," "Reconstruction" and "Problems of the Cotton Economy in N. La. in the 20th Century."

The Second place team STONE BOWLERS is made up of Ken Sperandino, Terry Hargis, Neal Gallien and Glenn Leonard. Leonard has the top average with a 180 followed by Gallien's 163, Hargis' 140 and Sperandino's 139. Leonard also holds the league record for high game scratch 246.

Members of the third place NIGHT OWLS include Martha Gayle 135, Debbie Carmichael 126, Susan Groth 125 and Pam Means 111.

The team high single game honors goes to LOVE with a 919 pin total. Holding the second high single game total is the STONE BOWLERS with a 885 pin count.

Team high three game series award goes to the BFD's with a whopping

2420 pin total.

Individual honors go to Leonard and Jean Guillot for their 246 and 175 high game scratch for the men and women.

Individual High three game series honors go to Ken Neill 196, 217, 212-625 for the men and Pat Brashier 147, 173, 146-466.

Now for some good news on the fozz ball and air hockey competition. A singles tournament will begin today in the Snack Shack. Competition will be the best two out of three with each contestant to put up a 25¢ entry fee. This fee will be used to operate the machines. If competition goes the full three games the IM department will pay for the tie-breaking game.

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